Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Phil George began employment with the Labor Market Information Center (LMIC), formerly the Research and Statistics Unit, of the South Dakota Department of Labor in February 1975, as an Economic Analyst I. He held the positions of Economic Analyst II, Statistician IV, Data Analyst, Senior Data Analyst, and was appointed by Secretary of Labor, Peter de Hueck, as Director of LMIC in 1991; and,

Whereas, Phil has provided dedicated service, keen analysis and careful presentation to the people of South Dakota for over 30 years working directly at one time or another on all the statistical programs conducted by the LMIC in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, including the Covered Worker and Pay Program, the Local Area Unemployment Statistics program and Occupational Employment Statistics program; and,

Whereas, Phil has ensured that career planners, training program planners and other users of labor market information in South Dakota have been provided with timely, quality publications providing information such as employment projections, career outlook, labor force and labor supply data, industry employment data and occupational wage data; and,

Whereas, Phil has provided the leadership and, in many cases, the impetus for such projects as the South Dakota Follow-Up Project, tying unemployment insurance wage records to other data sets for many other purposes, the Labor Market Information Center website and related electronic data retrieval systems, and South Dakota Career InSite; and,

Whereas, Phil's dedication to the LMI field has not been restricted to his own state of South Dakota, serving as an instrumental member of the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Policy Council since 2000, the four-state wage records research/LAUS AAMC project, and a driving force in the National Employee Benefits Consortium. Phil has been an active member in the national association for professionals in employment security since 1975 and has served on the Supervisory Committee of the SODES Federal Credit Union since 1979; and,

Whereas, Phil plans to enjoy retirement with his wife, Julie, at their home on Clear Lake, where his plans include fishing, bird watching, and spending time with his mother, siblings and their spouses, and his extended family; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to recognize the many accomplishments and years of service of this South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 29, 2005, as

PHIL GEORGE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his co-workers, family, and friends in congratulating him on this well-earned retirement and wishing him a long, healthy, peaceful and enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State